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Man accused in kidnapping appears in court

TRIAL A New Brunswick man accused of kidnapping a Moncton woman who was missing for nearly four weeks will remain in custody for a month while his lawyer prepares a case.

Romeo Jacques Cormier, 62, was arrested March 24, just hours after a woman who was allegedly held captive in a basement escaped and flagged down a passing truck.

Bearded and shackled, Cormier did not speak yesterday during a brief court appearance. Cormier waived bail and is scheduled to return to court on May 10.

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Dartmouth North MLA Trevor Zinck, right, is accusing Premier Darrell Dexter and the NDP of orchestrating a smear campaign against him. Zinck made the allegation during an interview on a Halifax radio station yesterday morning.



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NDP trying to smear me: Zinck

Premier denies party pressed pair to say MLA had gambling problem

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Trevor Zinck levelled his strongest allegations yet at the NDP yesterday, saying the party has sparked a smear campaign against him.

Premier Darrell Dexter denied the charges, but wouldn't hit back at the former NDP MLA. He described Zinck as "an individual who's having a very, very difficult time."

On the radio show Maritime Morning with Andrew Krystal on News 95.7, Zinck denied running up

\$10,000 in online gambling debt on his friend Scott Marshall's credit card. He suggested Marshall's mother, Helena MacLeod, was paid by the NDP to come forward about his gambling.

He said he believes Marshall was also pressured by the party.

MacLeod said yesterday she never spoke to the NDP and refuted Zinck's allegations.

As first reported Friday in Metro, Zinck claimed he and Marshall gambled together, but he denied using Marshall's credit card. Zinck said he was kicked

Backbenchers rebelling?

• Trevor Zinck also said there was a group of discontented backbenchers who were rebelling within the party. Dex-

ter said caucus discussions can get lively and there's no shortage of opinions, but caucus always backs the majority view.

out of the party because they feared he would vote against the budget.

"We are all expendable at the price of Mr. Dexter," he told Krystal.

Zinck admitted to past drinking and gambling issues, including gambling at the casino and one night having "a couple drinks" and running up \$500 on

his wife's credit card. He said he's sought counselling for those issues.

Dexter said no one from his party has any link to Marshall or his family.

He avoided criticizing his former colleague and said the NDP has tried to be tolerant and compassionate with its handling of Zinck.

"I would say that our caucus has been really extraordinary in its extension of as much compassion as possible to a person who we see as struggling through a difficult time," said Dexter.

The premier said he believes people will see the inconsistencies in Zinck's allegations, but wanted to give a humanist response rather than a political one.

"As, I guess, the target of these things, it still behooves us to take the higher road," he said.

"Not to get engaged in name calling and pointing fingers."



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Doctors urged to return leftover vaccine

The Nova Scotia government is asking doctors to return any leftover adjuvanted H1N1 vaccine to local public-health offices. The request follows Health Canada's announcement last week that the expiry date of the adjuvanted vaccine has been shortened by 12 months. Nova Scotia's chief public-health officer, Dr. Robert Strang, says the revised expiry date is not related to any safety concerns. But he says it does affect the ability of the vaccine to produce a strong immune response.

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Temperatures soaring above April average

WEATHER It's been a very warm April so far in HRM — and here is a new statistic to show just how nice it's been.

Through the first 11 days of April, Environment Canada has seen the average temperature at Halifax Stanfield International Airport come in at 8.1 C above normal.

For the province, the average is 6.7 C above normal.

The normal temperature for Halifax in early April is between 7 and 8 C. For several days in April, temperatures reached the high teens and low 20s and several records were broken.

"If we see 8.1 C at the end of the month, then I'd be a little more surprised," Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud cautioned about the average thus far for the month. "That would be much more significant."

Still, Robichaud called this April warm wave "quite a bit above normal" as temperatures again yesterday reached the mid-teens.

However, Robichaud said over the next couple of weeks, temperatures should reach more normal levels, or slightly above, as cooler air systems move through.

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Council mulls hiking meter rates

Parking price may rise 50 cents downtown

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Previous increase

- HRM last increased the parking-meter rate in 2006, from \$1 to \$1.50 per hour.

Halifax regional council will debate raising parking-meter rates in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth tonight.

A staff report to be presented to council this evening recommends increasing the Halifax parking-meter rate to \$2 an hour, from \$1.50, effective May 31. It also recommends increasing the Dartmouth downtown rate by the same amount, to \$1.50 from \$1.

No reason for increasing the rates is mentioned in the report. If the increase is approved, however, it would mean an extra \$542,000 in the city's coffers for 2010-11, and an estimated \$650,000 annually. Additional funds would

be welcome news for the municipality, which is facing a \$32.4-million deficit this year.

But Paul MacKinnon, executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, said yesterday increasing fees is taking the easy way during tough financial times.

"We have some big issues with (the increase)," MacKinnon said. "I understand that HRM is in a position where they've got some fiscal challenges ... but I think (the increase) falls under one of those obvious and easy categories." MacKinnon said the in-

crease effectively punishes customers for choosing to shop downtown, rather than places like Dartmouth Crossing or Bayers Lake.

"This is a fee that's paid by our customers, so we're asking them to shell out a bit more for the privilege of doing business downtown, with no corresponding value associated with that," he said.

According to the report, the increase would still put Halifax below the national average of \$2.50. That number, however, is brought up by the likes of Calgary and Vancouver, which charge \$5 an hour.

MacKinnon was quick to point out downtown Halifax businesses are not competing with Calgary, but with big-box stores on the outskirts of the municipality.



HRM council will vote today on whether to raise the rates at parking meters.

Province commits millions to child care

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FUNDING The province is investing \$5 million to create 400 new child-care subsidies.

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse announced the new funding for families at Mawio'mi Child Care Centre in Dartmouth yesterday.

"The shortest and the best route to making Nova Scotia a better place for us is to invest in the early years," she said in making the announcement. "Our children are the ones who are going to build a successful province."

The 400 new subsidies bring the provincial total to 1,100. The subsidies will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with Peterson-Rafuse encouraging those who apply to contact their child-care provider or the Community Services office first.

Peterson-Rafuse also announced the government will eliminate the Assessed Daily Parent Fee, which she said would save families on subsidies up to \$1 per day. According to Community Services, the elimi-



Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse gets hugs from kids at the Mawio'mi Child Care Centre at the Nova Scotia Community College yesterday. Rafuse announced \$5 million in spending to make child care more affordable.

nation of the fee equals an investment worth approximately \$800,000.

Child-care workers will also receive more funding from the province. The government is set to combine two existing grants for child-care professionals into one — the Early Childhood Enhancement Grant. The grant goes toward salaries, benefits and general operating expenses.

Peterson-Rafuse said the government will also provide an additional \$2 million for the grant, bringing it up to \$15 million annually for full- and part-day child-care facilities.

"It's hard financial times, but this is the time to do framework and work in partnerships to plan for the future," she said.

CUPE Nova Scotia president Danny Cavanagh said

in a release yesterday the funding was welcome news, but he raised questions about an industry he called "starved for funding."

"This continues the practice of giving public money to private operators," he said. "They have announced 400 new spaces, but those spaces ... can be used in for-profit as well as not-for-profit centres."

Students suspended amid drug probe

AMHERST Suspensions have been handed to 22 students at Amherst Regional High School amid a police drug investigation.

The suspensions will last at least five days.

The students were arrested on school property on Friday and then released into the care of school administration.

The police became involved after someone complained about drug use on school property. So far, there is no word on possible charges.

However, Amherst police plan to increase their presence at the school.

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News in brief

FRAUD A former investment counsellor in Truro has been given 2½ years in prison after pleading guilty to eight counts of defrauding clients. Timothy Wade MacDonald, 39, has also been ordered to pay restitution of more than \$196,000 to six of his victims. In passing sentence yesterday in Truro provincial court, Judge Del Atwood said it's apparent MacDonald has no remorse for his victims, who include family, friends and business acquaintances.

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Nova Scotia RCMP are looking for a male suspect after an armed robbery in Truro at an Irving Mainway store. Police say a man produced a weapon and stole cash and tobacco early Sunday morning. A newer red car was seen leaving the scene shortly after the robbery. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

INVESTIGATION Halifax Regional Police were still searching last night for a man wanted in relation to a domestic dispute over the weekend. HRP responded to reports of a domestic dispute a residence on Clover Lane in Harrietsfield just after 7 a.m. on Sunday. A 31-year-old woman took her two children and fled to a neighbour's house. She told police her husband had threatened and assaulted her.

MILITARY Premier Darrell Dexter introduced a bill to recognize Nova Scotian cadets yesterday. The bill proposes the first Saturday in November to be declared Sea, Army, Air and Navy League Cadets Day in Nova Scotia. "As a former cadet, I am proud to support a bill that recognizes the work of the cadet program in fostering strong, healthy and engaged youth in Nova Scotia," said Dexter. "The cadet program helps youth develop self-confidence, self-esteem, leadership and teamwork skills." **METRO HALIFAX**

Firefighters want names

Chiefs claim defamation, ask court to reveal commenters' identities

Two of Halifax's most senior firefighters are asking Nova Scotia's Supreme Court to reveal the names of people who posted anonymous comments on a weekly newspaper's website that they say defamed them.

Fire Chief Bill Mosher and Deputy Chief Stephen Thurber will be in court tomorrow in a bid to know the identities of people who posted personal criticisms of them on the website of the Coast following stories on racism in the department.

They have filed an application for an order that, if approved, would require the Coast to identify seven people who posted comments from April 2009 to

March 20 of this year.

Michelle Awad, the lawyer for the firefighters, says it's the latest legal example of how the Internet — once a haven for anonymity — provides no cover in libel actions, and in fact may even increase costs for defendants.

Awad says if a lawsuit were to proceed, it's conceivable that the newspaper and those who made the comments would have to pay for the added costs of the legal steps necessary to identify the online posters.

"It's in the mix of the things the courts would learn about in cost submissions," she said.

"If people were identified right on the website then this step in the process that

"If people were identified right on the website then this step in the process that we're engaged in now would not be necessary."

Michelle Awad, lawyer

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The writers posted under aliases such as scandalous2010, The truth, and LessTalkMoreAction.

The firefighters are also requesting that Google Inc. identify someone with a

Gmail account who sent an email to them that they say was defamatory.

Kyle Shaw, the editor of The Coast, said the newspaper has the names and emails of the letter writers and intends to provide them if the judge orders their release.

He explained that people who post comments are required to register and provide their names and email addresses.

He said the newspaper doesn't review the posts before they're put on the site.

"We rely on other readers and commentators to flag other comments that seem over the line in terms of our comments policy," he said.

Shaw said the offending comments in the firefight-

ing story were removed as soon as the lawyer for the firefighters contacted the newspaper.

Awad said her clients hope that the case will remind people who post comments online that they are just as liable for their actions as they are when writing signed letters to newspapers.

"I suspect if people are going to have to stand behind what they say, there's a hope that they'll be more careful," she said.

Dean Jobb, an associate professor of journalism at the University of King's College in Halifax, said there's a growing movement in the media to reconsider anonymity on the Internet.

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Cabot Trail included in highway budget

TRANSPORTATION A Cabot Trail facelift, more inspectors and tons of road paving will be part of the province's \$310 million highway improvement budget.

The highway spending is far and away the biggest share of Nova Scotia's \$710-million capital budget.

Transportation Minister Bill Eustachy unveiled a slew of projects yesterday that included twinning highway

104 in Pictou County (estimated at \$7.4 million), continuing twinning of the 104 in Antigonish (\$23.2 million) and twinning highway 125 (\$5.3 million.)

There's also funding to twin highway 101 in the Annapolis Valley, pave hundreds of kilometres of roads, replace bridges and hire three new bridge inspectors and three new truck inspectors.

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Halifax's Samantha Nielsen, 14, poses for a photo outside the Westin Nova Scotian yesterday. Nielsen and Gillian Bond both received the youth volunteer of the year award at the Provincial Volunteer Awards yesterday.

Local teen honoured for volunteering

SHELBY MCDONALD
for Metro Halifax

COMMUNITY Samantha Nielsen juggles schoolwork, a social life and soccer balls on a daily basis.

Still, the 14-year-old finds time during her busy schedule to also volunteer at various events.

The Halifax teen was honoured yesterday for all her hard work with the 2010 Youth Volunteer of the Year award at the 36th Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon at a

packed conference room at the Westin Hotel in downtown Halifax.

"I was really surprised that I got it," Nielsen said after being one of two people to receive the award.

"I work hard but I didn't feel like I would get recognized and I don't feel like I need to get recognized but I was really excited to get it."

Through her volunteering, Nielsen helps out at the Phoenix Youth Centre, various events with her soccer team, and at school and church functions.

She admits this amount

of volunteering keeps her busy, but feels it's her duty to give back.

"People are always giving back and helping us while we're growing up and while we're growing up we need to give back too," the Fairview Junior High student said.

"We need to give so we can receive we need to help out the community."

Derek Towers, an information technologist for Ultram, was another of the 70 volunteers honoured by the province, including by Premier Darrell Dexter.

Towers, who was awarded a volunteer participation plaque, said he gives his time at various music festivals and events in HRM.

He's also a committed blood donor throughout the year.

"Everyone knows that budgets are tight — you can't get paid services so volunteer is the only way to do it. A lot of things, they wouldn't get done otherwise," Towers said.

"People appreciate it. It seems like a lot of work to be thankless but people do appreciate it."

Atlantic Book Awards tomorrow

The 2010 Atlantic Book Awards are taking place tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. Author Berni Stapleton and CBC's Costas Halavrezos are co-hosting the awards event. Winners will be announced in 11 different categories with three finalists for each award. **METRO HALIFAX**

Catch it before midnight tolls

Cinderella onstage tomorrow night at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

SHELBY MCDONALD
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Cinderella is coming to Halifax.

Canadian-based theatre company Ballet Jorgen is bringing its version of Cinderella to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Sweden's Hampus Gauffin stars as Prince Charming and will be the one courting on stage for Cinderella's attention at the magic ball.

Tomorrow's performance ends a three-month Canada-wide tour of this ballet version of the classic fairy tale. Touring began in Vancouver and has played in theatres across the country.

"For us to do Cinderella, it is a big deal because it's a big ballet," Gauffin said yesterday. "It's a big story, lots of dancers and beautiful costumes."

While a national tour, Ballet Jorgen incorporates local talent into each of its

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- Tickets for Ballet Jorgen Canada's Cinderella cost between \$22 and \$47.50. Tickets are available at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium box office or online at artscentre.dal.ca.

shows. Halifax will be no different. Four experienced dance students from across the Maritimes have been chosen or recommended by their teachers to be part of the Cinderella cast.

Sarah Hopkin of Halifax Dance Association, Emma Van Zeumeren of the Leica Hardy School of Dance, Lauren MacEachern of Maritime Dance Academy and Danielle Keating of the Maritime Conservatory of the Performing Arts will take on roles from the Cinderella story.

"We (also) try and do classes with the local dance schools. We have at least one show every year here, be it Cinderella or Romeo



Alyssa Stevens and Hampus Gauffin pose for a photo yesterday. Stevens and Gauffin will be performing in Ballet Jorgen Canada's production of Cinderella tomorrow night.

and Juliet," Gauffin said. "What ever we do we always make sure we come to Halifax."

Gauffin has been dancing for 12 years, since he was

10. He said there's a lot of work involved in becoming a professional ballet dancer.

"You can't be stingy about going in and putting in the work and sweating,"

he said.

"The sweat, blood and tears, it's very true for ballet in general but mostly important to have fun and believe in yourself."

Coyote bounties don't work: Site

WILDLIFE A recent spate of troubling close encounters with coyotes has prompted Nova Scotia's natural resources minister to consider offering a bounty for the animals. There's just one problem. According to the minister's website, bounties don't work. "Bounties have been tried across North America without success," the website says. "It is almost impossible to remove all animals or even to keep a population in check." A bounty first offered in Nova Scotia in 1982 was removed in 1986 when it became apparent it had no impact on coyote populations. But three incidents last week have put enormous political pressure on John MacDonell. In Digby County, two joggers were approached by a coyote that lunged at them. And a resident of Guysborough County called conservation officers after a coyote chased his dog. Nova Scotians remain sensitive to any kind of coyote encounter following the mauling death five months ago of a Toronto woman on a Cape Breton trail.

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Quebec City mayor OK's space ticket treasure hunt

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Thirty years later, new hope

Family and friends of Terry Fox launched a new cancer research effort yesterday to mark 30 years since he began his Marathon of Hope. The Terry Fox Research Institute's Atlantic Node would unite cancer-care experts in Atlantic Canada — where cancer rates are among the highest in Canada — with those across the country. The Terry Fox Foundation has so far raised \$500 million for cancer research. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Opposition demands answers on Guergis

But few clues offered into allegations facing former Tory MP

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was acting on a complaint from a third party when he demoted his embattled women's minister, banned her from caucus and referred her case to the Mounties, the House of Commons heard yesterday.

That was the only progress the Opposition made in demanding answers about why Harper asked the RCMP and the ethics commissioner to investigate former cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the government is hiding behind the investigations.

"There are 'serious allegations' surrounding the conduct of this minister but we still don't know what they are," said Ignatieff.

"How long will the government hide behind the ethics commissioner and the Mounties? This sordid tale has been going on for six weeks."



Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff, seen here in the House of Commons yesterday, is demanding to know why the Conservative government has asked the RCMP and the ethics commissioner to investigate former cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

But with Harper attending a summit in Washington, the Conservative government wasn't giving any hints about what is involved.

Transport Minister John Baird told the Commons only that the allegations were made by a "third party." He said Harper acted quickly and appropriately

when he learned about the allegations against his former status-of-women minister.

"The RCMP and the ethics commissioner will come to their own conclusions, as is proper, on this issue," Baird said.

"The allegations that have been brought forward by a third party do

not involve any minister, any MP, any senator — for that matter, any government employee."

Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner Mary Dawson confirmed yesterday she is reviewing a letter from the prime minister regarding Guergis's conduct.

The Toronto Star published a report last week alleging Guergis's husband, former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer, had bragged to business associates that he could open doors for them in the halls of power.

It came to light that Jaffer had been using one of his wife's parliamentary BlackBerrys and its attached email address after he had been defeated as an MP in 2008.

Guergis has said she will co-operate fully with any investigation. She told The Canadian Press the allegations against her are both unfair and untrue.

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Alleged terrorist leader on trial

TORONTO 18 A Toronto-area terror cell was planning an attack on Parliament and electrical and nuclear targets in the hope that Canada would "never recover," a jury heard yesterday.

Three men are on trial, charged with various terrorism offences, but at the heart of the plot were the machinations of one man, the Crown said in its opening statement.

"This trial is about a man named Fahim Ahmad, who the Crown alleges led the terrorist group and about some of the men who helped him," Crown attorney Iona Jaffe told the five-woman, seven-man jury.

"He wanted to cripple Canadian infrastructure," Ahmad, 25, Asad Ansari, 25, and Steven Chand, 29, were arrested in June 2006 and nearly four years later

"(Ahmad) wanted to cripple Canadian infrastructure."

Iona Jaffe, Crown attorney

all three pleaded not guilty to their charges in court yesterday.

All three are charged with participating in a terrorist group. Ahmad is also charged with instructing people to carry out activities for a terrorist group and a weapons offence.

The Crown said it will call evidence to show Ahmad led two training camps to prepare people to carry out terrorist attacks. It intends to call up to 11 witnesses, mostly police officers, and play for the jury about 70 wiretap conversations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Don't let Taser dictate laws: Province

B.C. The company that manufactures Tasers has no more right to dictate regulations for their use than cigarette makers do over second-hand smoke regulations, says the B.C. government.

But a lawyer for the province told a B.C. Supreme Court justice yesterday that if the company is successful with its application to quash the findings of a public inquiry, it would

be akin to giving Taser International that power.

The province is asking the court to toss Taser's court action against a report prompted by the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport.

The report suggests that shock weapons pose risks of serious injury or death, but the Arizona-based company alleges bias and dishonesty.

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News in brief

NUKE FEARS Hundreds of kilograms of weapons-grade uranium imported to Canada from the U.S. will be sent back

south, amid fears it could fall into terrorist hands, in a deal announced by Prime Minister Harper yesterday.

COURTS A corruption case against five Toronto police officers can go ahead after years of delays, the Supreme Court

ruled yesterday. The charges were first laid against the former drug squad members in 2004. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Torture accuser back on scene

PRISONERS Richard Colvin ignited a political powder keg last year when he told a parliamentary committee that Canada ignored warnings of torture involving Afghan detainees.

The diplomat returns to the public eye today when he appears before the military police watchdog's probe into the treatment of war prisoners in Afghanistan.

It's his first appearance before the cameras since he told a special House of Commons committee last November that nearly all prisoners captured by Canadian troops in 2006 and 2007 were tortured by Afghan authorities.

Generals, senior federal officials and cabinet ministers denied the charges.

Colvin's testimony will be the first the Military Police Complaints Commission hears from beyond military ranks.

So far, the witnesses have all been members of the Canadian Forces and the military police.

Civil liberties groups say Canadian military police did not properly investigate officers responsible for directing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of torture.

Transferring prisoners between countries knowing they likely face torture is considered a war crime.

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Smoking ban paying off: Study

TORONTO A ban on smoking in Toronto restaurants may be paying big health dividends, a new study suggests.

It says rates of hospitalizations for heart attacks as well as heart and respiratory disease conditions plummeted after the city's ban on smoking in restaurants came into effect.

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Afghanistan Another fallen Canadian



Soldiers load the body of Pte. Tyler William Todd onto a transport plane at Kandahar Airfield yesterday, in a ceremony attended by over 1,500 Canadian and NATO troops. Todd was killed by a powerful roadside bomb on Sunday just outside a village near Kandahar City, Afghanistan. He was the 142nd Canadian soldier to die in the Afghan mission. Two civilians have also been killed.

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New Roman-era mummy found in Egypt

World

Ex-soldier admitted stealing secrets: Docs

Court documents released yesterday show that a former Israeli soldier admitted stealing classified military secrets to reveal Israeli "war crimes" against Palestinians. Anat Kamm, 23, has been charged with passing information to a journalist with the intent of harming national security. Her case drew wide attention because a court gag order kept her arrest out of Israeli publications, while the world media were reporting it freely. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

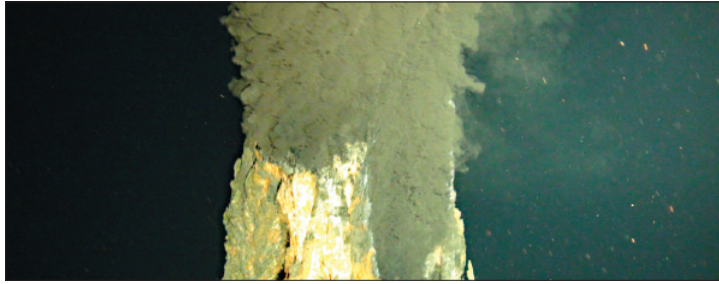
Deepest volcanic vent found

British discovery could offer clues to origin of life on Earth

Scientists using a remote-controlled submarine have discovered the deepest known volcanic vent and say the superheated waters inside could contain undiscovered marine species and perhaps even clues to the origin of life on Earth.

Experts aboard the RRS James Cook said they found the underwater volcanic vent more than five kilometres beneath the surface of the Caribbean in an area known as the Cayman Trough, a deep-sea canyon that served as the setting for James Cameron's underwater thriller *The Abyss*.

Geologist Bramley Murton, the submersible's pilot, said exploring the area



This undated photo shows a cloud of smoky water billowing from the top of a tower of metal ore at a volcanic vent five kilometers beneath the surface of the Caribbean.

was "like wandering across the surface of another world," complete with spires of multicoloured mineral deposits and thick collections of fluorescent blue microorganisms thriving in the slightly cooler

waters around the chimneys.

The scenes "were like nothing I had ever seen before," Murton said.

Volcanic vents are areas where sea water seeps into small cracks that penetrate

deep into the Earth's crust — some reaching down more than two kilometres. Temperatures there can reach 400 C, heating the water to the point where it can melt lead.

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Russia blames 'human error' for deadly plane crash

TRAGEDY Russian investigators suggested human error may have been to blame in the plane crash that killed the Polish president and 95 others, saying yesterday there were no technical problems with the Soviet-made plane.

The Tu-154 went down Saturday while trying to land in fog near Smolensk, Russia. All aboard were killed, including President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of Polish political, military and religious leaders. They had been travelling in the Polish govern-

ment-owned plane to attend a memorial at Katyn forest marking the massacre of thousands of Poles. The pilot had been warned of bad weather in Smolensk, and was advised to land elsewhere — which would have delayed the Katyn observations. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Bowing to Taliban pressure, French TV airs footage of hostages pleading for their lives.

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News in brief

ITALY A mass of mud and water slammed into a small commuter train travelling in the Italian Alps yesterday, knocking the front car into a ditch and killing nine people aboard, officials said, after a large irrigation pipe on higher elevation burst.

AFGHANISTAN There was mayhem yesterday in the streets of Kandahar as three suicide bombers staged a failed attack on the city's intelligence headquarters and NATO troops opened fire on a passenger bus, killing four civilians.

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Vatican posts abuse guidelines

CONTROVERSY The Vatican responded yesterday to allegations that it had concealed years of clerical sex abuse by making it clear for the first time that bishops and other high-ranking clerics should report such crimes to police if required by law.

Victims have charged that the Catholic Church created what amounted to a conspiracy to cover up abuse by keeping allegations that priests raped and molested children secret and not reporting them to civil authorities.

The Vatican has insisted that it has long been the

Civil law

- The published Vatican guidelines state that "Civil laws concerning reporting of crimes to the appropriate authorities should always be followed."

Catholic Church's policy for bishops, like all Christians, to obey civil laws. In a new guide for lay readers posted on its website, the Vatican explicitly spells out such a policy in a published set of guidelines.

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Hyderabad Love match



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Ukraine to give up nuclear plans

SUMMIT The White House announced yesterday that Ukraine was giving up all its highly enriched uranium, marking success for a major U.S. arms control initiative shortly before President Barack Obama opened a conference on locking down nuclear materials. Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said the Ukrainian stockpile, sufficient for several nuclear weapons, would be transferred to the United States for reprocessing by 2012. The Ukrainian president had wrapped up a meeting with Obama when the announcement was made.

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Comment

Tory scandal-free reputation at risk

NationalReport

Lawrence Martin

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One of the positive claims the Harper government has been able to make is that it has avoided scandal of the on-the-take variety. This government may be

ethically corrupt — there are dozens of examples of underhanded dictatorial conduct — but there have been no instances of anyone lining their pockets.

Corruption of the latter kind stung both the Mulroney and Chrétien governments and hurt the reputations of each prime minister. Jean Chrétien was never tied directly to the sponsorship scandal wherein lower level Liberals were on the take. In the Mulroney government, there were ministerial resignations

over shady dealings and Mulroney himself is still trying to clear his name for having accepted cash payments from German deal-maker Karlheinz Schreiber.

The troubles currently surrounding bad girl Helena Guergis do not appear to be in a league with some of Ottawa's bigger scandals, but the risk is that she torpedoed the government's record of rectitude.

It's rare when a prime minister will call in the Mounties to investigate one of his ministers. Much of

the limited information available points to a possible influence peddling scandal featuring Guergis, her husband, Rahim Jaffer, and assorted unsavoury types with whom Jaffer, the former MP, kept company. The more that is learned about the hot-headed Guergis, the latest being that she could hardly keep staff for more than a week at a time, the more one wonders why the tightly run government didn't rein her in.

Critics called on Harper to fire Guergis weeks ago.

It's something he probably wishes he had done before she started adding to her blunder streak, which began with her childish temper tantrum at the Charlotetown airport.

The PM has often been slow to unload troublesome ministers. He allows them to dangle while the media and the opposition feast.

The Oliphant Commission, which is looking into the Mulroney matter, is due to report within the next month or two. The public

will be reminded of that low-level operation at the same time as the Guergis one is being investigated. It's the kind of link the Harper government was hoping to avoid.

The PM has often been pilloried for being a control freak. With people like Helena Guergis in his cabinet, it's easy to understand why he felt he had to be that way.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Views

Be proactive with your child's safety

InStep

Christine Williams

If town criers still existed I'd be ringing the bell and shouting warnings to parents to predator-proof their children in light of Graham James being granted a pardon by the National Parole Board.

Our show On The Line has featured many experts from police sex crime units. Recently, we opened our phone lines for public feed-

back about the James case. As we listened to callers express their disgust with the parole board, what struck me the most was the level of fear some parents expressed for their child's safety. I realized just how deep this issue was affecting some parents so we shifted the discussion to one about common sense ways to protect our children.

I'll reiterate some key points that all parents should know when it comes to predator-proofing children. Starting with their M.O., predators typically seek out positions that put them near children. They will even befriend someone with children to be near the

kids. Predators know children well: Their fears and the vulnerable points of entry into a child's heart. They are also proficient liars and will tell your child anything to convince them to comply to their sinister wishes. Luring children on the Internet is another huge problem, so make sure computers are placed in high-traffic areas in the home.

With those horrors in mind, we need to intermittently teach our children about good and bad touches, communicate regularly with them about their day, watch for unusual signs — like reluctance to talk to you and/or withdrawal. It is also vital to keep in regular

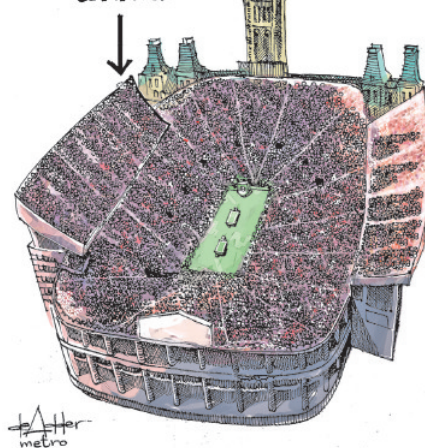
contact with adults who are spending lots of time with our children and have opportunity to be with them alone.

In the James case, as soon as he came out of jail, he went to Spain to coach more hockey. According to former victim Sheldon Kennedy, James has never apologized nor shown remorse.

So while we continue to hold authorities accountable for public safety, taking proactive measures with our children is our best option.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

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Economy recovering, but slowly: Poll

The Bank of Canada's spring survey of businesses is providing further evidence that the economic recovery is taking hold, even as key decision-makers expect improvements will be gradual rather than robust.

Canadian firms are saying they expect sales to increase modestly over the next year. They also plan to hire more workers and invest more on new equip-

ment and machinery.

But most companies also report they're operating below their capacity and expect to do so for at least the next six months.

"Firms expect a modest increase in sales volumes following declines over the past year," the central bank said yesterday.

"Firms reported that sales expectations are supported by the U.S. general economic recovery, an improving

Bankruptcies down

Fewer Canadian firms and consumers went broke in January compared with December, an indication of improving economic conditions. The 6.7 per cent decrease in insolvencies between December and Janu-

ary of this year was the biggest in 20 years, according to the federal bankruptcy office. The office's superintendent says January usually marks an increase in the number of insolvencies.

near-term U.S. economic outlook, and, in a growing number of cases, their own initiatives to reposition

themselves for growth."

The quarterly survey of 100 key firms is also often cited by the central bank

as a factor in its forecasts and decisions about interest rates.

The latest result, while positive, is also muted enough that it is unlikely to put additional pressures on the Bank of Canada to move more quickly than it otherwise would have on interest rates.

Recently, some economists have predicted the central bank will start raising interest rates at its

next scheduled announcement date on June 1, about a month-and-a-half before governor Mark Carney's conditional commitment.

With the economy growing at an expected six per cent clip in the first quarter, on the heels of a five per cent gain in the last three months of 2009, there's no need to keep the policy rate at the emergency level of 0.25 per cent, the analysts argue. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toyota problems may date to 2004

LAW SUIT Toyota was seeing numerous customer complaints about software problems in some of its models as early as 2004, according to documents filed as part of a Canadian lawsuit against the company.

The documents from Toyota acknowledge problems with the automatic transmissions in Camry, Sienna, Highlander and Lexus ES vehicles.

"Lexus dealer owners are using the term 'franchise threatening' regarding this issue," says one internal document, dated Aug. 6, 2004, and labelled as confidential.

It adds that the Lexus dealers were doing a good job "shielding" Toyota from the complaints, but warns that a fix is needed soon.

The documents were

filed in the Ontario Superior Court as part of a lawsuit against Toyota Canada by a Toronto woman.

Karen Stekel claims Toyota is responsible for an accident in which she allegedly lost control of her Lexus ES330 and drove it into a tree, causing her "serious and permanent injuries."

Stekel's lawyer, Ted Charney, will be in court today to argue that parent company Toyota Motor Corp. should be added to the list of defendants, which currently include Toyota Canada, the dealership that sold Stekel her car and the company that financed the purchase.

He will also argue that Stekel should be awarded punitive damages by the company.

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Japan Making progress



Japan's Finance Minister Naoto Kan said at a press conference in Tokyo yesterday that Japan is making a solid recovery but faces problems from deflation and debt. Since Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama swept into power last summer, stock prices have risen and the yen has depreciated, Kan said.

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TRAVEL Some things did go right for airline passengers last year: Planes were more likely to land on time and bags less likely to get lost.

As a result, passengers reported fewer complaints in 2009 even while cash-strapped airlines reduced flight schedules and charged for everything from bags and pillows to prime spots in boarding lines.

Airline performance has been improving over the past two years.

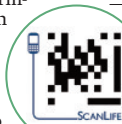
In 2007, air travel surged to its busiest level since before the attack of Sept. 11, 2001, and airline performance suffered a near meltdown. Last year, however, there

were 704 million U.S. airline passengers, compared with 770 million in 2007.

The findings, based on an analysis of government statistics, are in the latest annual report by private researchers.

One cloud in the otherwise friendly skies was a slight increase in denied boardings, mostly bumpings due to overbooking.

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WePad Rival for the iPad?



Helmut Hoffer von Ankershaffen, managing director of the Neofonie company, poses with the new WePad tablet PC in Berlin yesterday. The German maker of a new tablet computer is setting out to rival Apple's iPad with the promise of even more sophisticated technology.

Takeover rumours send Palm shares soaring

TECH Palm Inc. shares surged yesterday on persistent rumours that the phone maker is exploring the possibility of selling itself to an outside buyer, CBC News Online reported yesterday.

Although the company has declined to comment, the stock was up more than 16 per cent to more than \$6 on the Nasdaq yesterday.

Yesterday's surge comes after Palm shares gained more than 30 per cent last week on the same speculation.

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Consider second-tier companies

Investing



Many of the large cap companies in the U.S. and Canada saw their stock prices devastated during the recession. However, since then, many of them have bounced back. With this in mind, where can an investor put their money to

still take advantage of the growth yet to come?

There are two types of investments. The first would be to choose investments or companies that have lagged the recent rally.

The second type of investment to consider would be what the market calls "second derivative" investments. These are companies or investments that do well feeding off the success of other companies or investments. Best Buy is an example; it could be the benefactor of the success of the new products sold

through its stores, such as the Apple iPad.

Investment ideas that seem to be working in this market have not changed in the last year. The growth areas are still the same — infrastructure, financial, commodities and oil have all done well and continue to perform well. However, as their prices rise, these sectors start to look a little pricey for the average investor.

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Don't go broke trying to keep up with the Joneses

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If you listen closely around the urban corridors of this land you will hear the faint sounds of belts loosening. We're spending again!

Retail sales have crept up in most categories, notably in footwear, appliances and furniture. And as the dollar teases prime, cross-border shopping is, once again, becoming a weekend

pastime.

But with those numbers comes the question — why are we spending? A surprising number of people buy stuff in order to keep pace or face with family, friends or co-workers. This kind of spending can put you on a path to debt and dissatisfaction.

One couple I worked with had a circle of friends who went out for a fancy dinner together every couple of weeks, continuing a tradition they'd developed pre-kids. With baby sitters, drinks, tips, etc., they were blowing nearly \$500 a month, money they simply didn't have.

After agonizing about their situation they fessed up. To their surprise they found everyone was experiencing similar difficulties with their enjoyable habit. But no one wanted to be the first to say so. One of the wives actu-

ally wept with gratitude at having their big secret out in the open.

The same group still meets regularly but now they take turns hosting. The kids are stashed in the family room with a sitter hired for the group, the food is potluck, the drinks are BYOB and the entertainment is board games. Each week a different couple dusts off one of the boxes they have stashed in the basement. Clue, Risk, Trivial Pursuit. Fun!

Another couple were part of a yacht club crowd. They kept up the membership, even after the husband was downsized, for fear of losing their friends and, even worse, looking like losers. Two years after selling their boat they have a whole new set of friends who kayak.

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Desjardin looking to bring the energy

Moose forward will play for Canada at U-18 tourney

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When Gabriel Desjardins came to Halifax Mooseheads' training camp last fall, he put pressure on his shoulders to score — and score often. He didn't.

Considering he didn't blow out the candles for his 17th birthday until the season was 22 games old, it's not terribly surprising. "I think I put a little too much pressure on myself," he admits, thinking back to when he announced he would donate \$21 to charity for every point he recorded. "At 17 years old, you're not supposed to do that. I think that's why my season (started) a little bit (slow)."

Desjardins, who is representing Canada at the IIHF world under-18 championship starting today in Belarus, eventually came around. With a little patience from the coaching staff, the six-foot, 197-pound winger got back to basics and found his stride.

He finished the year with seven goals and eight assists for 15 points in his final 16 games, salvaging his sluggish start to finish fourth on the team with 32 points in 62 games.

"I think my focus came a long way (in the second half)," he says. "My focus before games, being ready ... I think it was for sure what made the difference."

The Montreal native is one of just two QMJHL players on the Canadian roster along with Shawinigan Cataractes forward Michael Bournival.

With a number of more prolific scorers, the speedy,



Gabriel Desjardins finished the QMJHL season with 15 points in his final 16 games.

Desjardins gets the 'A'

Halifax Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins was named an alternate captain with the Canadian under-18 team yesterday. He will rotate

the 'A' with Jordan Weal. John McFarland is a permanent alternate, while defenceman Erik Gudbranson will wear the 'C'.

hard-working Desjardins is expected to be employed in other areas by head coach Guy Carbonneau.

"Energy guy, that's for sure," Desjardins says. "Third line or fourth line ... If the first and second lines are down, I'm one of the guys who will come along and give some energy."

Desjardins, who is not eligible for the NHL entry draft until 2011, was a late cut from Canada's under-18 team that won gold at the Memorial of Ivan Hlin-

ka tournament in Slovakia and the Czech Republic last August.

He is the youngest forward on the team and the second youngest player overall.

"He'll show them they made the right decision to bring him," says Mooseheads head coach and general manager Cam Russell. "His speed and strength are hard for defencemen to contain ... He's going to be a big part of that hockey team."

Former Rainman Dandridge gets weekly honour

BASKETBALL Former Halifax Rainmen small forward Glen Dandridge has been named Premier Basketball League player of the week.

Dandridge, who now plays for the Rochester RazorSharks, piled up 43 points in a pair of victories last week, including 21 in

the first half of Sunday's big win over the Puerto Rico Capitanes that helped his club clinch second.

He finished fourth in RazorSharks scoring with 14.1 points per game, including a .433 percentage from three-point range.

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Pittsburgh Penguins centre Sidney Crosby was named the NHL's first star of the week yesterday. He led all players with 12 points (four goals, eight assists) in four games last week. Crosby finished the regular season with 51 goals, good for a share of the league lead with Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



James Sheppard, of Lower Sackville, has 11 goals and 38 assists in 224 career NHL games.

Sheppard's future with Minnesota not yet known

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HOCKEY Lower Sackville's James Sheppard is under the microscope as the Minnesota Wild enter their off-season.

The 21-year-old former ninth overall pick of the Wild just completed his third NHL season and has struggled to find a regular spot in the lineup, producing just 11 goals and 38 assists in 224 career games.

His three-year entry-level contract is expiring, meaning the Wild need to qualify him with a one-year, two-way, \$841,500 deal, or let him become an unrestricted free agent.

"At this point, I don't see why we wouldn't qualify him," Wild general man-

ager Chuck Fletcher told the Minnesota Star Tribune. "He's still a young player. It's too early to get into what we're going to do and what we're not going to do. There's a lot of time."

The prevailing view in Minnesota is that Sheppard would benefit some seasoning in the minors. But because he played 160 or more games in his first two NHL seasons — he actually played 160, exactly — the Wild had to put him on waivers to send him down and weren't willing to risk losing him to do so.

Sheppard is the second highest drafted Nova Scotia born and developed player of all-time after Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby, who went No. 1 overall in 2005.

Leger selected for CIS showcase

FOOTBALL Three members of the Saint Mary's Huskies will participate in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's East-West Bowl.

Running back Craig Leger, linebacker Ryan King and safety Jeff Hecht were among 89 chosen yesterday to participate in the annual showcase of prospects eligible for the 2011 CFL draft on May 8 in London, Ont.

Also cracking the roster are a pair of Halifax natives who play for the Mount Allison Mounties, linebacker Ben Halpern and cornerback Bradley Daye.

Former Huskies head



Saint Mary's Huskies running back Craig Leger

coach Blake Nill of the Calgary Dinos will patrol the sidelines for the west side.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Tennessee Titans have agreed to terms with Chris Simms, bringing back a quarterback they had in 2008 as he worked himself back into shape. The Titans announced the move yesterday, making Simms the third quarterback on the roster with Vince Young and Kerry Collins.

NBA The Sacramento Kings have picked up the option on the contract of coach Paul Westphal for the 2011-12 season. Kings president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie made the announcement yesterday before the team played its final home game of the season against Houston.

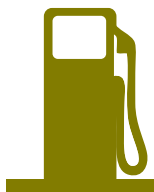
NFL Authorities announced yesterday they will not charge Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger after a college student accused him of sexually assaulting her at a nightclub last month. Ocmulgee Circuit District Attorney Fred Bright

said the 20-year-old student's accusations could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and her lawyer said in a letter that she did not want to press charges.

BOXING Polish boxer Tomasz Adamek is dedicating his fight against Cristobal Arreola this month to those killed in the plane crash in Russia. The plane carrying Polish President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of political, military and religious leaders went down while trying to land Saturday in dense fog near Smolensk airport in western Russia.

NFL Jason Campbell has signed his \$3.1-million US tender with the Washington Redskins, taking him off the market as a restricted free agent while leaving open the possibility of a trade. Campbell was given permission to explore a trade after Donovan McNabb was acquired from Philadelphia last week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Oilers in a no-lose NHL draft situation

LOTTERY The Edmonton Oilers are hoping the odds work in their favour at the NHL draft lottery.

But whether deputy commissioner Bill Daly draws their name or another team when the lottery is held tonight (TSN, 8 p.m. ET), most scouts feel they cannot lose with two prize choices — Plymouth Whalers centre Tyler Seguin and Windsor Spitfires winger Taylor Hall — there for the taking when the draft is held June 25 in Los Angeles.

Oilers GM Steve Tambellini will be on hand for the live broadcast from a TSN studio along with fellow general managers Peter Chiarelli of the Boston Bruins, Randy Sexton of the Florida Panthers and Scott

Howson of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Balls representing the 14 teams that failed to make the playoffs are in play, and only one is selected.

The winner can move up a maximum of four positions, so only the bottom five teams in the league standings (except 29th-place Toronto, which traded its pick to Boston) have a shot at the No. 1 overall pick. A team can only drop back one position.

So the Oilers will end up picking first or second, while the Bruins are assured of picking in the top three. The weighted draw gives the last-place Oilers a 25 per cent chance of winning while Boston has an 18.8 per cent shot.

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Road to Cup tougher for Pens this year

The Pittsburgh Penguins are heading into the playoffs as the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference, just as they did when they won the Stanley Cup last season.

Again, they usually win when Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin show up frequently on the scoresheet, and often lose when they don't. Dan Bylsma is still behind the bench. Marc-Andre Fleury remains in net.

As far as similarities go, that's about it.

Unlike last year, when they jetted into the playoffs as one of the NHL's hottest teams, going 18-3-4 in their final 25 games following Bylsma's hiring, the Penguins are playing erratically.

After beginning the post-Olympic break with a four-game winning streak, they won successive games only once more in their final 16 games.

The playoff opponent is very familiar — this is the third time in four seasons the Penguins and Ottawa Senators meet in the first round. Pittsburgh lost in five games in 2007, its first playoff appearance since 2001, but won in a sweep the following season.

Maybe playing the dangerous Senators will "drive us into playing some good hockey," centre Jordan Staal said, starting with Game 1 tomorrow night.

The Penguins had only one challenging round while winning the Eastern Conference last

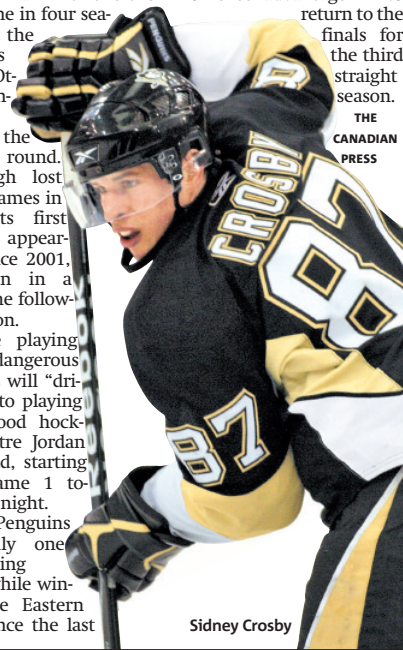
two seasons, needing seven games to eliminate Washington last year. In 2008, they lost only two games, one each to the Rangers and Flyers, in three rounds.

The route to the finals appears to be much more difficult this year. As challenging, perhaps, as it has been for the Penguins to "get to our game" — one of Bylsma's favourite phrases and a rarely reached goal of late.

"I like our guys in terms of being playoff tested and playoff proven," Bylsma said. "We know how we are going to need to play."

The biggest concern: The Penguins' inability to beat the conference's top two teams. They lost all four to the Washington Capitals, two in extra time, and all six to the New Jersey Devils. Should the top four-seeded teams advance past the first round, the Penguins might have to beat both teams — each time without the home-ice advantage — to return to the finals for the third straight season.

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Sidney Crosby

Jets' Holmes suspended four games

NFL Newly acquired Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes was suspended yesterday without pay by the NFL for the first four regular-season games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The league announced the suspension a day after the Jets acquired the talented but troubled Holmes from the Pittsburgh Steelers for a fifth-round pick in this month's draft.

Holmes, the 2009 Super Bowl MVP, is eligible to participate in the team's off-season program and in all pre-season practices and games. He would be suspended for an entire season if he violates the league's policy again.

The 26-year-old Holmes is coming off his best season, with 79 catches for 1,248 yards and five touchdowns.

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To Cannes with film

King's College student wins trip to French festival after win

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

A Halifax filmmaker has won a trip to the 2010 Cannes Film Festival after impressing France's consulate general to the Atlantic Provinces with his first three short films.

Daniel Boos, 21, was born in Toronto and raised in Halifax. The third-year University of King's College student "single-handedly won over the jury members," the consulate general said in a press release announcing the winner of the Cannes Film Festival Youth Competition. "His winning compilation film reel showed extraordinary professionalism, technical skill and an artistic flair of considerable talent."

Boos started making a name for himself at 16, when he won two Viewfinder prizes for his environmental documentary *Ecoblivion*. He followed that with *Break It Down*, addressing the environment



King's College student and filmmaker, Daniel Boos, won a trip to Cannes after winning the Youth Competition.

with a satirical lens, and *Blue Ruin*, a high school drama about a girl traumatized by an abusive ex-lover. "Filmmaking has been a central passion of mine ever since I was a small child. Initially, it was just a pastime. I would get my friends to-

gether and shoot a movie," Boos said in an email interview.

It soon became much more serious as he began to contemplate what he wanted to say in cinema. "Filmmaking took on a new meaning for me as it became

more and more a vehicle, an outlet, for my own thoughts and opinions," he says.

It will be Boos's first trip to Cannes. He'll stay with about 20 other winners from around the globe. The group will get to attend screenings, mix with professional filmmakers and attend workshops. They're tasked with producing a film diary about the experience.

"I am simply blown away by the fact that I have been granted this unfathomable opportunity in the first place — it already far exceeds any expectations I originally had," Boos says.

When he returns from France, he plans to finish his undergraduate degree and focus on becoming a full-time filmmaker.

"It is the one passion in my life which never loses its appeal. I just can't see myself being happy pursuing anything else," he says. "After Cannes, who knows? Anything's possible. But one thing's for sure — my place is in filmmaking."

Mount Saint Vincent aims to demystify science

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

From climate change to genetic engineering, science dominates our world, but rapid advances make it ever

more difficult for ordinary people to understand the issues. A new program at Mount Saint Vincent University hopes to bridge that gap.

The Halifax school is starting a bachelor of science (science communication) degree this fall, combining the core training of a scientist with the skills of a public-relations expert.

Amy Thurlow, chairwoman of the department of communications studies,

says the idea came up two years ago when a chemistry professor suggested combining the Mount's strong science program with its renowned public relations degree. "She thought that

synergy between public relations and science might be a really innovative program," Thurlow says.

The program is the first of its kind in Canada.

The four-year degree will offer a solid science foundation, so students could go on to medical school, but also prepare students to work for companies in the industry side of science or environmental groups like the David Suzuki Foundation.

"(A professor) thought that synergy between public relations and science might be a really innovative program."

Amy Thurlow

NSCAD student wins retail internship

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax

It might sound like the outcome of a reality TV show, but the winner of a competition at NSCAD University will soon be working as a designer doing a paid internship at Wicker Emporium.

"It feels pretty cool," says

the winner, 20-year-old Dani-
ca Olders.

Students designed a line of pillows and curtains for the company during a four-week contest earlier this semester.

The third-year student from Ottawa says the competition allowed her and her fellow students the opportunity to try something different.

"We don't have much opportunity here to explore home furnishings," says Olders. "Some people dabble in it, so I think a lot of people

were kind of intrigued by the fact it was an opportunity to get an internship, get some experience and develop a product for somebody."

Besides the paid internship, Olders will also receive

a \$300 cash prize, which she's contemplating using for a vacation.

The competition happened in Textiles for the Marketplace, a class geared towards third and fourth-year students.

"It was kind of perfect for what we were doing," says instructor Lesley Armstrong with a chuckle.

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The only pick-up line you'll need

The J Spot

Josey Vogels

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It's one of the most critical moments in the mating ritual. Your eyes

meet from across the room, you hold each other's gaze for that split second longer than feels natural, and then, it happens.

She flashes you a quick smile. And not just one of those curt, closed-lipped smiles flashed out of awkward politeness. It's a genuine, sweet smile that brings her eyes and open heart into the game.

It's a smile that automatically makes you smile back. It's a smile that in one split second says ... you're in. And the smile is probably one of the most universally understood forms of communications out there. A smile immediately communicates openness and fun and makes others feel at ease.

Research has shown that when you smile, your body releases endorphins that send a feel-good message to your brain. And when your smile causes that cutie from

across the room to automatically smile back, her body also releases endorphins that make her feel good about herself.

So with one quick smile exchange you've said: I'm happy and her brain has told her that she is happy and associated that happy feeling with you. Who needs pick-up lines when you've got all that going for you in a quick flash of teeth?

Of course, while a suc-

are more likely to respond if men approach them from the front. Men are best approached from the side. And, once you're in the person's personal space, Cox offers some other body language signs that signal the person is into you, like

straight at him, playing with her hair, flashing her wrists, gliding her hands over her arms and neck, whispering and leaning into the conversation, moving her head closer to you and smiling broadly.

Men show interest by raising their eyebrows when they first meet you, raising them while talking, stroking his tie or smoothing his shirt, and trying to attract your attention with a masculine "cow-poke" stance, and an "open" face.

And, when you do finally open your mouth, Cox has some advice.

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Depending on what you want to spend, bleaching and whitening can be done by the dentist, or you can do it at home using a kit, but this is less effective and the chances of over-doing it are higher. The in-between solution is to get a mold made by the dentist and then do the bleaching at home.

The benefits of a dazzling smile are many: it helps you get jobs, attracts people to you, makes you feel good, and — according to a German study — smiling is contagious.

Using MRI scans of people's brains, German researchers found that seeing a happy, smiling face triggers involuntary activity in the brain, so that the instinctual response is a smile rather than a frown..

CELIA MILNE/FOR METRO CANADA

Tyra Banks, model and TV show host, coined the term "smizing" — smiling with your eyes.

"She flashes you a quick smile ... It's a genuine, sweet smile that brings her eyes and open heart into the game."



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cessful smile exchange will get your foot in the door, don't make the mistake of throwing it open and waltzing on in. You're liable to scare the person off. Instead, move in slowly.

According to British sexpert and body language expert Tracey Cox, women

shiny eyes.

"The eyes don't lie," says Cox. "Sparkling eyes denote interest, and this can't be faked." Also, she says, the raised eyebrow flash is unconscious and indicates attraction and interest.

A woman will show interest in a man by looking

mouth, use them in proportion.

"The more you let the other person talk, the more fascinating they will think you are," says Cox.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

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You go, Curl! Expert tips for curly-haired girls

Breaking down the dos and donts to keep your locks bouncing like they were born to do

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

If you have curls, you're not wrong in thinking yours is one of the most challenging hair textures.

On the set of *Sex and the City 2*, Sarah Jessica Parker's 'do took the longest to style, according to lead stylist Frank Barbosa, spokesperson for Schwarzkopf Professional. "I blew out Sarah's hair then put all the curls back in with a hot iron," he explained.

For most of us, two hours with a professional on hand each a.m. isn't the norm, so the pros share their best tips on getting great curls when they're not around.

THE CUTTING EDGE

The wrong cut for curly hair can be a disaster — think pyramid-heads and hockey hair. Kevin Murphy, an Australia-based stylist who does hair exclusively for magazine and advertising photoshoots, puts it simply.

"Go to a hairdresser with curly hair. The only people who know about curly hair are people who have got curly hair, so pick the person who has hair most like the hair you want."

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

"Really curly hair can get dry very easily," points out Charles Baker Strahan, whose celeb-hair clients include Leighton Meester and Scarlett Johansson. That's because natural sebum has a tough time travelling from the scalp down the curly-hair shaft.

Using a brush would help, but when it comes to curls, brushing is a big no-no (use a wide-tooth comb instead, when hair is damp).

To compensate, Strahan recommends starting with a hydrating shampoo and conditioner such as Herbal Essences Hydralicious. "Hydrated hair always styles better," he adds.

If you find that you have to wait two days after shampooing for your curls

to look good, could be you're using cleansers too harsh for your hair, says Jessica McGuinty of Jessicurl, a line she developed first for her own mass of corkscrew curls, then in response to growing demand from the community on naturally-curly.com.

"Look for sulfate-free products," she advises. Check labels instead for decyl polyglucose, a very gentle cleanser that doesn't strip hair.

For conditioning, she prefers silicone-free formulas, such as Jessicurl Too Shea! Extra Moisturizing Conditioner, which contains aloe vera, shea butter, and jojoba and avocado oils.

Herbal Essences Hydralicious Self-Targeting Shampoo, \$3.99 at drugstores.

STYLE COUNSEL

Choose your styling product according to your hair type.

"Fine curly hair needs styling product

Jessicurl Too Shea! Extra Moisturizing Conditioner, \$17.50 at delineation.ca.

If your hair's on the thin side, try a curl-enhancing mousse — the texture adds volume. If you have thick curls, you need something a little more emollient, like a cream.

Murphy also says to apply product when hair is still mostly wet, about 60 per cent. Celeb stylist and John Frieda consultant Harry Josh, who works with Amanda Seyfried, agrees, especially when it

wrapped in a towel can make things worse.

"You take it off and the outer layers and hairline, which frizz the most anyway, are already dry and frizzy from being in contact with the towel."

For a defined curl without using a blow dryer, Pantene Consulting Stylist Denis Binet says to

comb through a curl cream such as Pro-V Anti-Frizz Crème from root to tip, then "wrap several strands around your finger and tighten the lock. If your hair is very long, pull it up with clips while it dries so that the weight of the water doesn't make the

loops fall out."

FINISHING TOUCHES

All styling pros agree: the less you handle your curly hair before it dries, the better. But according to

Susan Konkin,

curly-hair expert at Delineation

Hair & Skin Essentials in Toronto, a fluffy microfibre Hand Dry Hair Glove can improve your touch after you've applied your styling product.

"You can work scrunching, twisting and squeezing your curls without adding frizz while the gloves quickly absorb excess water, which cuts down the drying time."

And don't discount the value of a professional curling iron to help shape random curls for a polished finish, especially if you've got unruly greys to contend with, advises Josh.

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Kevin Murphy Motion Lotion enhances fine curly hair, \$22; kevinmurphy.com.au for salons.

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Chef Andrew George, who teaches aboriginal cooking at Vancouver Community College, says dandelions are a traditional food source for First Nations and offer a versatile twist to everyday meals. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Food



Grocery shop... smarter

Estimating rather than doing mental math as you shop for groceries can help you stay on budget, according to new research in this month's *Journal of Marketing*. Using a calculator to tally up the goods in your grocery cart produces the most accurate results, but rounding up or down to the nearest dollar will yield better results than trying to add \$2.49 to \$3.76 to whatever else you put in the cart, says the study.

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A tasty lunch or light supper

This slow cooker recipe combines fresh mussels with chorizo sausage and will make a tasty lunch or light supper.

Chorizo is a highly seasoned pork sausage flavoured with garlic, chili powder and other Mexican seasonings.

Take care to only remove the lid just long enough to add mussels and stir; replace lid quickly. Serve

with crusty bread for dipping. Leftover sauce is delicious on pasta.

Mussels With Chorizo Sausage

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 15 ml (1 Tbsp) olive oil
- 1 each onion, celery stalk and carrot, finely

- chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) chorizo (mild or spicy)
- 5 ml (1 tsp) fennel seed
- 1 can (156 ml/5 1/2 oz) tomato paste
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken broth
- 250 ml (1 cup) beer or white wine
- 500 g (1 lb) mussels, cleaned and debearded
- 250 ml (1 cup) red

- pepper, finely chopped
- Finely chopped parsley, for garnish

METHOD:

In a skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil and saute onion, celery, carrot and garlic for 5 to 7 minutes; add chorizo and fennel seed. Cook for 3 minutes, then add to slow cooker.

Stir in tomato paste, broth and beer; cover and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or low for 8 to 10 hours.

When ready to serve, set to high, add mussels and finely chopped red peppers for the final 10 to 15 minutes or until shells are open. Garnish each serving with parsley.

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Canadian Living recipe of the month

Go for the club



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Chicken Club Wrap with Garlic Mayo.

Apple Rhubarb Turnovers.

Chicken Club Wrap with Garlic Mayo

PREP: 5 MINUTES
COOK: 10 MINUTES
MAKES 4 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 slices bacon
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- ½ tsp (2 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 plum tomato
- 4 large tortillas
- 4 romaine lettuce leaves, chopped

Garlic mayo:

- 1 large clove garlic
- Pinch salt
- ¼ cup (50 mL) light mayonnaise
- 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice
- Dash hot pepper sauce

METHOD:

Garlic mayo: Mince garlic with salt until smooth paste; stir into mayonnaise along with lemon juice and hot pepper sauce. Set aside.

In skillet, fry bacon until

crisp; set aside on paper towel. Drain fat from pan.

Holding knife horizontally, slice each chicken breast through thickest part and open like book; pound to even thickness. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Cook in same skillet over medium-high heat, turning once, until nicely browned and no longer pink inside, 6 to 8 minutes.

Transfer to cutting board and slice. Slice tomato in half lengthwise; slice crosswise.


Spread Garlic Mayo over tortillas. Top with chicken, bacon, lettuce and tomatoes. Roll up; slice in half.

Apple Rhubarb Turnovers


PREP: 20 MINUTES
CHILL: 30 MINUTES
COOK: 30 MINUTES
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extra. If you're in a hurry, use 1 package (397 g) frozen puff pastry instead of making your own.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 each large Golden Delicious apple and Granny Smith apple (1 lb/500 g total)
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped rhubarb
- ¼ cup (50 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp (2 mL) lemon juice
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) cinnamon
- Pinch each ground nutmeg and salt
- 1 egg

Pastry:

- 2½ cups (625 mL) all-purpose flour

- 2 Tbsp (25 mL) granulated sugar
- ½ tsp (2 mL) salt
- ¾ cup (175 mL) cold unsalted butter, cubed
- ¾ cup (175 mL) ice water (approx)

Cream cheese icing:

- 1 cup (250 mL) icing sugar
- ¼ cup (50 mL) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 mL) water

METHOD:

Pastry: In bowl, mix together flour, sugar and salt. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture is in large crumbs. Drizzle with water, tossing with fork until dough comes together and

adding up to 2 Tbsp (25 mL) more water if needed. Divide in half; shape into discs. Wrap each in plastic wrap; refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes.

On lightly floured surface, roll out each disc to 18 x 8-inch (45 x 20 cm) rectangle. Let rest for 5 minutes.

Cut each into 4 rectangles.

Meanwhile, peel, core and chop apples into ½-inch (1 cm) chunks.

In bowl, toss together apples, rhubarb, sugar, flour, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Spoon about ¼ cup (125 mL) onto half of each rectangle. Fold remaining half over filling to enclose. Press edges with tines of fork to seal.

Whisk egg with 2 tsp (10 mL) water; brush over turnovers. Bake on baking sheet in 425°F (220°C) oven until golden, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool completely.

Cream cheese icing: In bowl, beat together icing sugar, cream cheese, lemon juice and water. Using fork or pastry bag with fine tip, drizzle icing over turnovers.



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Liquid Assets

Peter Rockwell

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Classic vinos

I hope that you're having a great day because I sure am. As you read this I'm in Italy — my second favourite country on Earth. I'm here in Verona (in the country's northern province of Veneto) for Vinitaly: One of the world's largest wine shows and, for the next few days, the home of just about every major Italian winemaker.

Romeo and Juliet got their groove on in Verona and the city's surrounding grape growing regions of Soave, Bardolino and, of course, Valpolicella are some of the most famous and familiar in Europe.

Of the zillion things to love about Italy, the relaxed pace is close to the top of my list and there isn't a wine that goes better with doing nothing than Amarone. Made in Valpolicella from dried grapes, it's called the conversation wine because it's a rich, full-bodied sipper (which can be dry or sweet) that goes better with some cheese and a chat than it does with a major meal.

Masi's 2005 Costasera Amarone Classico (\$37.95 - \$49.99) typifying the full-figured, raisin-infused drier styles, with **Cantina di Negar's 2005 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico** (\$34.95 - \$40.99) balancing a similar depth with more of a plum influence.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Food in brief

WINE Ordering the "house" wine at a restaurant used to mean bracing for the possibility of something fairly funky. But these days you can expect some class in that glass as high-end restaurateurs find

their inner vintner. One of the newest entries comes from Freemans restaurant in New York's Lower East Side, selling a Pinot Noir, Freemans Cuvee, made with Hirsch Vineyards in California's Sonoma Coast

wine region. "I look at this as a collaboration - like when fashion labels do a collaboration like Rodarte for Target," says Freemans co-owner William Tigertt. "It's something fun and different." Tigertt also is

launching a retail label, Gothic Wines, with the first vintage coming from an Oregon winery. Higher-end house wines appear to fit into two trends, says Ronn Wiegand, Napa-based master sommelier and

editor of the newsletter Restaurant Wine. On the one hand, wine has never been more popular — even in this economy consumption is up, albeit of cheaper wines. At the same time, the drop in person-

al spending has made it crucial for restaurants to distinguish themselves from competitors and build customer loyalty. "It's a sign of the times," says Wiegand.

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Emile Hirsch appears to have jumped aboard alien invasion thriller *The Darkest Hour*. The 28 Days Later-style film sees a group of travelling American teens in Russia caught up in a battle against marauders from the stars. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Hirsch joins Darkest Hour

Entertainment

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Much more Miley

Miley Cyrus will perform and co-host the 2010 MuchMusic Video Awards on June 20. "I can't wait to get back to Canada and perform for all of my fans," she said.

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Junos sing a different tune

TheAudioFiles

Bryan Borzykowski

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Almost every year the Juno Awards ceremony ends up a huge disappointment.

When Celine Dion was nominated for six awards in 2008 and Nickelback for five the year after, I just couldn't find the energy to tune in and watch the show. This year's event in St. John's, N.L., is a different story.

Despite Michael Bublé being up for six awards, this

may be the most diverse, and representative, list of contenders in years. You can see who's nominated for what at junoawards.ca, but the likes of Metric, Joel Plaskett, Handsome Furs, Billy Talent, Justin Bieber, Arkells and Drake are all up for hardware.

In the past it was easy to call the winners — Nickelback or Celine Dion — but this year there's no clear champion. So, I'll probably get this wrong, but for fun, let's try to pick some of this weekend's victors.

JUNO FAN CHOICE AWARD Easy, that one's going to Nickelback. (Somehow they're still getting nominated for an album that came out in 2008.)

SINGLE OF THE YEAR These are all great songs, but I'm go-

ing with Drake's Best I Ever Had. While he's got the international cred that often woos the Canadian Recording Arts and Sciences members, this smooth, mid-tempo hip-hop tune really is award worthy.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR Bublé's going to win. Crazy Love topped both the U.S. Billboard chart and Canada's music

Drake could take home the Juno for new artist of the year.

charts and it's actually a pleasant listen.

ARTIST OF THE YEAR This one's going to Bublé. With six nominations, the Juno voters clearly think Bublé's a step above the rest. And he's also the only nominee to appear on Oprah this year. That feat alone deserves an award.

GROUP OF THE YEAR I want Metric to win. Their haunting new wave-ish Fantasies is their

best effort since 2003's Old World Underground and it's far better than Hedley's juvenile pop-punk or the Hip's tired beer rock. However, Billy Talent's hard-hitting third record, will win.

NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR This category is really between two people — Drake and Justin Bieber. The former is the hottest rapper in hip-hop; the latter is the biggest star in the pop world. It's too close to call, but I'd like to see Drake win. Bieber will sweep the Junos in 2011.

ALTERNATIVE ALBUM OF THE YEAR Metric will win this one, but I think the Handsome Furs' Face Control is the best of the bunch. It's gritty, catchy indie rock and easily one of the top al-

bums of 2009.

POP ALBUM OF THE YEAR This category belongs to Bieber. Whether you like him or not, his saccharine pop melodies are a lot better than Hedley's.

ROCK ALBUM OF THE YEAR Billy Talent for sure. If Nickelback wins though — for 08's Dark Horse — I'm turning the Junos off.

RAP RECORDING OF THE YEAR Tough to call. K'Naan's Troubadour wasn't just a fantastic album, he's become an international sensation. Drake has two chances to win this category though and with his popularity soaring, he's going to take the prize.

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The Glee formula: Sing, sing, sing

TV musical comedy enjoys unprecedented success belting out classic tunes

Glee, the award-winning musical comedy about a misfit high school show choir, might be doing more for music than its fellow Fox juggernaut, American Idol.

In its first 13 episodes, Glee treated viewers to covers of songs

by Neil Diamond, Rihanna, Kanye West, Barbra Streisand, Beyoncé, Queen, Liza Minnelli and more.

The music from Glee is a huge success in its own right, with more than 4 million digital downloads sold and two soundtracks already certified gold.

A nationwide tour, Glee Live, featuring key members from the show's cast, kicks off in May and has sold out, and the show is boosting sales for the original artists behind the songs. Its stars are even featured on the current issue of Rolling Stone.

When the hourlong hit returns tonight for a nine-

episode run, expect twice the tunes per show and even more mash-ups and musical diversity.

"Every possible musical style and taste is going to be in there," says Glee co-creator Brad Falchuk. "It doesn't matter what you like — you're going to find what you like and stuff you never heard of that you'll love."

But the commercial success of the Glee songs wasn't a reason for the boost, he says. Instead, the decision was made because the music greatly enriches the show by giving viewers an emotional understanding of what the characters are going through.

Falchuk says he and fellow show creators Ryan Murphy and Ian Brennan intentionally upped the number of songs to a minimum of five per episode for the balance of the first season (three to five had been the norm).

This season, the charac-



Glee, the hit television musical comedy, returns tonight for the first of nine episodes.

ters will express their joy and frustrations through the songs of acts like AC/DC, the Beatles, Lionel Richie, Olivia Newton-John and Madonna.

In fact, Madonna gets her own entire episode — a tribute to the Material Girl packed with 10 songs,

seven of which appear on a separate soundtrack, Glee: The Power of Madonna, set for release April 20.

Practically every member of the show's cast can and does sing, recording their songs regularly at the storied Jim Henson Studios in Los Angeles.

The dozen actors comprising McKinley High School's New Directions glee club sing several songs each episode, while other stars — including caustic cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch), cranky football coach Ken Tanaka (Patrick Gallagher)

and neat-freak guidance counsellor Emma Pillsbury (Jayma Mays) — chime in from time to time.

Producer Adam Anders arranges, records and mixes all the featured tracks — sometimes as many as 10 a week. "I have eight studios going at all times on Glee," says the 34-year-old, who counts Disney's High School Musical among his credits.

He works around the clock to craft the songs, usually a couple weeks before each episode is shot. When the episode airs, he knows immediately which songs are hits by simply clicking on iTunes. "As a songwriter or producer, you never get that kind of instant reaction," Anders says. "It's really cool."

Some bands covered on Glee have seen a resurgence in popularity. The cast's version of Journey's Don't Stop Believin hit No. 1 on iTunes when the show premiered, helping return the original to the charts.

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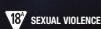
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DVD picks

Defendor

Director: Peter Stebbings

LOOK UP IN the sky! Is it Kick-Ass? No, it's Defendor, arriving on DVD before its like-minded rival hits the big screen on Friday.

Woody Harrelson has rarely looked better and Hamilton has never seemed so heroic, in this comic-book drama of a duct-taped vigilante out to wipe the grime off his filthy city.

As the eponymous Defendor, a non-superhero decked out in tights, shoe polish and other dollar-store dressings, Harrelson's character risks both beatings and smirks. He's prowling the streets searching for Captain Industry, the man he's convinced killed his mom.

In real life he's Arthur Poppington, civic employee, and he has a perilous grasp on reality at the best of times, as his psychiatrist (Sandra Oh) knows all too well. Yet Defendor is as sane as any other costumed avenger. And you've got to admire his bravery and essential



decency that survives even when it seems he may not.

Vancouver writer/director Peter Stebbings makes an impressive feature debut with an idea that reflects its comic-book inspiration in look and tone, yet still qualifies as a serious and occasionally touching character study

Pirate Radio

Directors: Richard Curtis

IF THERE were awards handed out for the most badly bungled concept, Pirate Radio would have to be very much in contention. Musical rebellion on the high seas run aground in

the sentimental tosh of Richard Curtis, the man who gave us Love, Actually and who wrote Notting Hill and Four Weddings and a Funeral.

There isn't a rockin' bone in the body of Curtis, the British sketch comedy writer turned feel-good filmmaker.

The cruel fates being what they are, he's the guy who gets to ruin this grand idea for a movie, loosely based on the true story of Radio Caroline, a rogue-ship radio station. It operated in the North Sea outside Britain during the stuffier part of the 1960s, when the state-owned BBC judged Perry Como to be safer for British ears than the Rolling Stones.

Curtis is incapable of writing or directing a scene that has any greater tension than hopping into bed, planning a prank, muddling a marriage or pondering about paternity. But at least there are classic rock hits and semi-hits on the soundtrack, providing more energy and revolution than anything Curtis has ever come up with.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

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critics' corner

Hockey Night in Canada on CBC: Stanley Cup Countdown

It's not as if we need any help getting psyched for the Stanley Cup, but just in case, host Ron MacLean and analysts Mike Milbury, Kelly Hrudey and P.J. Stock are on hand to kick off the NHL postseason with a look at the upcoming conference quarterfinal series. The action begins tomorrow and ends, of course, with the Stanley Cup Finals in late May. 8 PM on CBC.



NCIS

Thanksgiving plans are put on hold while Gibbs and his team investigate the horrific death of a Marine, a case that leads them into the life of a 12-year-old prodigy who may be next on the killer's death list in "Child's Play." 9 PM on CBS, CHIF

Glee

Fresh off their win at Sectionals, the members of New Directions start work on songs for Regionals, but the budding romance between Rachel and Finn hits a bump when she becomes involved with competitor Jesse St. James. Sue returns from break determined to absolutely destroy her nemesis, Will. Tony winner Idina Menzel guest stars in the new episode "Hell-o." 10:28 PM on CHIF, FOX

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Chloë Moretz, right, dishes out the action as Hit Girl in Kick-Ass.

Little Hit Girl Moretz shows fighting spirit

Teen actress dismisses controversy over Kick-Ass

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



You might not know the name Chloë Moretz right now, but all of that will change very soon.

The 13-year-old actress already has more than 30 film and television credits to her name, but her breakout role comes this week in the soon-to-be cult classic Kick-Ass.

In that tale of would-be superheroes, Moretz plays Hit Girl, a pint-sized assassin whose father (Nicolas Cage) quickly moved her from potty training to fight training, turning her into one of the deadliest women in the world at 11 years old. It's the type of role that doesn't come along often for such a young actress and one that is sure to bring Moretz plenty of fame and notoriety.

For Moretz, the road to Hit Girl started in the summer of 2008.

"I saw all the posters for Wanted and even though I wasn't allowed to see the movie, I knew I

"I saw all the posters for Wanted and ... I knew I wanted to do an action movie like Angelina Jolie."

Chloë Moretz

wanted to do an action movie like Angelina Jolie. So, I told my mom that I wanted that kind of role," Moretz told Metro.

Luckily for the young actress a screenplay was floating around for Mark Millar's then unpublished comic book series Kick-Ass that needed a little girl to beat up henchmen and let off a few explosions.

Moretz and her family fought for the role and she was lucky enough to be cast in the film a mere few months after she had been admiring Angelina Jolie's posters. From there, the serious preparations for the role began.

"I did about six months of fight training," revealed the actress. "I

went to the Toronto circus school. I worked at tumblers, I worked with martial artists and marines. It was pretty crazy, but I'm a ballerina and a gymnast so I'm used to it."

All the work clearly paid off as Moretz dominates some of the most giddily violent action scenes in recent memory.

Unfortunately, not everyone has been thrilled by Moretz's performance as Hit Girl. Since the film premiered in Britain a few weeks ago, controversy has built up around the role, with a variety of journalists claiming that having such a young actress involved in violent scenes is incredibly irresponsible.

The issue doesn't really seem to bother Moretz however, who dismisses the critics. "It's just a film. We all knew what we were doing and everything that I did in the film was in the script," Moretz said.

Kick-Ass opens in theatres Friday

Meryl Streep joins Academy of Arts & Letters



Meryl Streep

HONOUR ROLL
Meryl Streep has another academy to thank. The star of films such as Sophie's Choice and Julie & Julia has been named an honorary member of the

American Academy of Arts and Letters, an elite club that includes Toni Morrison, Stephen Sondheim and Jasper Johns. Not even two Oscars, seven Golden Globes and a lifetime achievement prize from the American Film Institute prepared Streep for this. "I have to say that I was stunned, and when they sent me the roster of people in the academy I just burst into tears," Streep said.

The 112-year-old academy announced yesterday that Streep and conductor James Levine had been elected to a special category, established in 1983, for "Americans of great distinction in the arts whose work falls outside the traditional departments" of music (composition), literature and art.

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Celebrity Buzz

Oprah, Tesh dated | Paris dumps Reinhardt

PERHAPS HE CAN WRITE HER A BAD LOVE SONG ON HIS PIANO
Long before she was a billionaire media mogul romantically linked to Stedman Graham, young Oprah Winfrey reportedly had a different boyfriend: John Tesh, usmagazine.com is reporting.

In a new, unauthorized Winfrey tell-all, celebrity

biographer Kitty Kelley claims that Winfrey and the one-time Entertainment Tonight co-host were lovers who shared an apart-



ment in Nashville, Tenn., in the mid-1970s. According to New York's Daily News, an excerpt from the book reveals that Tesh, now 57, abandoned Winfrey, now 56, because of the intense "social pressure" of their interracial romance.

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I GUESS HE WASN'T HOT ENOUGH FOR HER Paris Hilton has reportedly split from Doug Reinhardt, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The socialite reportedly called time on their 14-month romance recently, despite speculation they are planning to marry. A source said: "Obviously she broke up with him."



Hilton, 29, was seen partying in Las Vegas last weekend and Reinhardt was reportedly planning to fly out to see her on his

way back from a family holiday to Aspen, but decided not to at the last minute.

The source added to E! Online: "He was in Aspen with his dad this weekend and was considering stopping by Vegas on the drive back, but changed his mind."

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Miller, Law engaged

JUST KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ANY NANNIES YOU HIRE Sienna Miller and Jude Law's reconnection seems to be working, as the pair are reportedly once again engaged to be married, according to the *Daily Mail*. Miller was recently spotted wearing the engagement ring Law gave her the first time he proposed in 2005. —



only it wasn't where it should be. "They do not want to make the engagement official, which is why Sienna is wearing the ring on the wrong hand," a source explains. They are keeping it secret, but are very happy and really hope it's going to work out. Jude has been to visit Sienna's parents and her sister Savannah and has worked hard to redeem himself."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan gets sweaty

DANCING UP A STORM Lindsay Lohan had so much fun dancing at the recent Nylon magazine 11th anniversary party in Hollywood that she



sweated through the flesh-colored studded mini dress she was wearing.

Luckily, she had a back-up on hand and quickly changed into a black-and-white number an hour later, according to Page Six.

"People were confused," a source says of the quick change.

METRO WORLD NEWS

No sex life, no problem for Gaga

ALL THE COOL KIDS ARE INTO CELIBACY Lady Gaga admits she's going without sex at the moment, according to the Daily Mail.

While promoting a new line of Mac lipstick that benefits HIV and AIDS prevention, the pop singer divulged that she's currently abstaining, saying, "I'm single right now and I've chosen to be single because I don't have the time to get to know anybody. So it's OK not to have sex, it's OK to get to know people. I'm celibate. Celibacy's fine."

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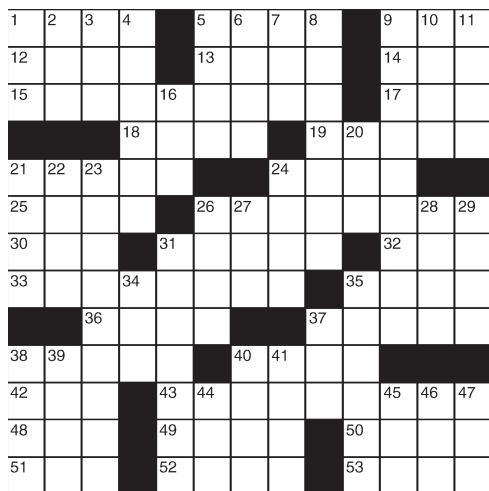
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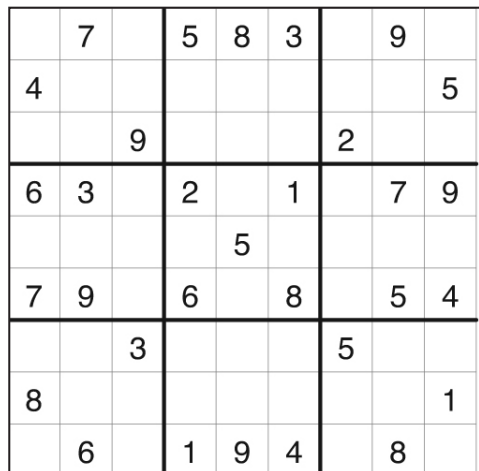
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- 23 Blocks
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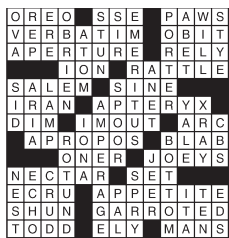
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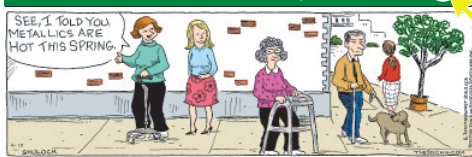
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Blue Cheese Ham Wraps

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 4 flour tortillas
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 - 4 thin slices Swiss cheese
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce
 - 1 medium tomato, diced
 - 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
 - 4 tsp blue cheese salad dressing

METHOD:

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2. Drizzle each with 1 tsp dressing; fold in sides.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You see things in such a clear and logical way, so why can't other people? Whatever the reason you will have to spend time explaining things to them.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23



You will be on the move today and where you end up is anyone's guess. You will discover things, about yourself and about the world around you.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21



Is money really so important? Could you survive on less? These are the kind of questions you will be asking today, but deep down you know the answers.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22



Money matters may not be going too well at the moment but over the next few days you will get the chance to put your financial house in order.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21



You like a bit of excitement but by the end of the week you will be ready for a rest. The next few days will be full of fun. It's all go!

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21



Hold tight because the ride you are about to take will be anything but smooth. Not that you'll care. You are a bit of a thrill seeker anyway.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22



Take a deep breath before you head out into the world. You will need a great deal of patience today, along with stamina and, of course, a sense of humour.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20



You may look confident to other people but deep down you have fears and worries. Today's aspects will give you the courage to deal with an important issue.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23



Some excellent cosmic activity makes this a time of huge potential. However, you must be clear as to your aims and ambitions. You cannot afford to be vague.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18



What happens today may cause you to question some of your most cherished beliefs. Aquarians don't change their views often.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22



Get rid of things you don't really need. There are more of these than you appear to realize: things you hang on to for no good reason.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20



You are desperate to make a name for yourself and you reason that if those with less talent can do it then so can you, all you need is the opportunity.

This day in history

- 1943: The Jefferson Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., on the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth.
- 1964: At the Academy Awards, Sidney Poitier becomes the first African-American male to win the Best Actor award for Lilies of the Field.
- 1970: An oxygen tank aboard Apollo 13 explodes, putting the crew in great danger and causing major damage to the spacecraft while en route to the Moon.
- 1997: Tiger Woods becomes the youngest golfer to win The Masters Tournament.

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